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First Things First Appoints 250+ Champions for Children to Serve Communities on Regional Partnership Councils

PHOENIX (April 10, 2008) First Things First – the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board appointed 266 community members from around Arizona to serve 2 or 4 year terms on 31 designated Regional Partnership Councils.

“The Regional Partnership Councils reflect the heart and soul of First Things First; we encourage community engagement to create community solutions that demonstrate the differences of needs across our state,” said Nadine Mathis Basha, chair of First Things First.

The Regional Partnership Council Members, and the seat they are filling, are as follows:

Regional Partnership Council	Category	Council Member	
Central Maricopa	Educator	Andrea	Colby
Central Maricopa	Business	Karen	Emery
Central Maricopa	Child Care Provider	Kathy	Halter
Central Maricopa	At Large	Angela	Capone
Central Maricopa	School Administrator	Bonni	Pomush
Central Maricopa	Health Services Provider	Glen	Waterkotte
Central Maricopa	Parent	Hope	Dillon
Central Maricopa	At Large	Maureen	Duane
Central Maricopa	Philanthropy	Trinity	Donovan
Central Maricopa	Faith-Based	Jacqueline	Garner
Central Phoenix	Health Services Provider	Jiff	Loda
Central Phoenix	Child Care Provider	Ginger	Ward
Central Phoenix	School Administrator	Judi	Gottschalk
Central Phoenix	At Large	Joyce	Hoie
Central Phoenix	Business	Juman	Abujbara
Central Phoenix	Philanthropy	Marilee	Dal Pra
Central Phoenix	At Large	Marsha	Porter
Central Phoenix	Parent	Randal	Christensen
Central Phoenix	Educator	Susan	Wilkins
Central Phoenix	At Large	Theresa	Gonzales
Central Phoenix	Faith-Based	Wesley	Relf
Central Pima	Health Services Provider	Andrew	Arthur
Central Pima	Parent	Bill	Berk
Central Pima	Educator	Enrique	Feldman

Central Pima	Faith-Based	Marguerite	Harmon
Central Pima	At Large	Martha	Rothman
Central Pima	Child Care Provider	Mimi	Gray
Central Pima	At Large	Nancy	Magelli
Central Pima	At Large	Ronald	Spark
Central Pima	School Administrator	Paul	Ohm
Cochise	Parent	Ana	Bae-Limb
Cochise	At Large	Clea	McCaa
Cochise	Faith-Based	David	Howe
Cochise	Educator	Evelyn	Whitmer
Cochise	At Large	Ginger	Ryan
Cochise	At Large	Jane	Strain
Cochise	Child Care Provider	Mary Sue	Houser
Cochise	Health Services Provider	Melodi	Polach
Cochise	Business	Nancy-Jean	Welker
Cochise	School Administrator	Renae	Humburg
Coconino	At Large	Kerry	Blume
Coconino	Business	Joshua	Allen
Coconino	Child Care Provider	Seobaghn	Arambula
Coconino	Educator	Mary	McLellan
Coconino	Faith-Based	Kenneth	Edes
Coconino	Health Services Provider	Barbara	Worgess
Coconino	Parent	Tony	Gonzales
Coconino	Philanthropy	Julianne	Hartzell
Coconino	School Administrator	Noreen	Sakiestewa
Coconino	Tribal Representative	Agnes	Chamberlain
Cocopah Tribe	At Large	Betty	Ekstrom
Cocopah Tribe	Parent	Daris	Laffoon
Cocopah Tribe	School Administrator	Frank	Reed
Cocopah Tribe	At Large	Gina	Nierenhausen
Cocopah Tribe	At Large	Jill	McCormick
Cocopah Tribe	Child Care Provider	Maria	Solorzano
Cocopah Tribe	Health Services Provider	Michael	Reed
Cocopah Tribe	Business	Michael	Reed, Ph.D.
Cocopah Tribe	Educator	Monica	Torres
Cocopah Tribe	Faith-Based	Paul	Soto
Colorado River Indian Tribess	At Large	Amelia	Flores
Colorado River Indian Tribes	At Large	Merving	Scott
Colorado River Indian Tribes	At Large	Rachel	Garcia
Colorado River Indian Tribes	Child Care Provider	Amanda	Leivas- Sharpe
Colorado River Indian Tribes	Educator	Irma	Alvarado
Gila	Parent	Alexis	Rivera
Gila	Child Care Provider	Ann	Tolman
Gila	Educator	Diane	Bricker
Gila	School Administrator	Linda J.	Miller

Gila	Health Services Provider	Paula	Horn
Gila	Business	Roger	Kortman
Gila	At Large	Suzanne	Yale
Gila River Indian Community	Health Services Provider	Arlie	Beeson
Gila River Indian Community	Parent	Byron	Donohue
Gila River Indian Community	At Large	Duane	Johns
Gila River Indian Community	Child Care Provider	Melissa	Madrid
Gila River Indian Community	At Large	Pamela	Johnson
Gila River Indian Community	At Large	Priscilla	Foote
Gila River Indian Community	Business	Reyna	Byler
Gila River Indian Community	Faith-Based	Martha Mary	Carpenter
Gila River Indian Community	School Administrator	Patty	Cook
Graham / Greenlee	Faith-Based	Ann	Johnson
Graham / Greenlee	At Large	Cindi	Alva
Graham / Greenlee	At Large	David	Alford
Graham / Greenlee	School Administrator	Donna	McGaughey
Graham / Greenlee	Educator	Jan	Elliott
Graham / Greenlee	Philanthropy	Laurie	Smith
Graham / Greenlee	Child Care Provider	Retha	Russell
Graham / Greenlee	At Large	Shari	Elkins
Graham / Greenlee	Business	Stacy	Kramer
Hualapai Tribe	At Large	Carrie	Imus
Hualapai Tribe	Educator	Helen	Watahomigie
Hualapai Tribe	At Large	Jessica	Powskey
Hualapai Tribe	Tribal Representative	Lucille	Watahomigie
Hualapai Tribe	Child Care Provider	Misty	Watahomigie
Hualapai Tribe	Health Services Provider	Sandra	Irwin
Hualapai Tribe	Business	Shane	Charley
La Paz / Mohave	Educator	Alisa	Burroughs
La Paz / Mohave	Child Care Provider	Debra	Weger
La Paz / Mohave	Faith-Based	Jose	Garcia
La Paz / Mohave	At Large	Lenore	Knudtson
La Paz / Mohave	Philanthropy	Nancy	Mongeau
La Paz / Mohave	Parent	Riley	Frei
La Paz / Mohave	School Administrator	William	Allsbooks
La Paz / Mohave	Business	Melissa	Howell
Navajo Nation	At Large	Ginalori	Milford
Navajo Nation	At Large	Paula	Curley
Navajo Nation	Faith-Based	Loyala	Edelen
Navajo Nation	Health Services Provider	William	Flood
Navajo Nation	Philanthropy	Vikki	Shirley
Navajo Nation	School Administrator	Dorothy	Yazzie
Navajo/Apache	Health Services Provider	Tom	Barela
Navajo/Apache	Philanthropy	Ben	Preusser

Navajo/Apache	At Large	Becky	Towle
Navajo/Apache	At Large	Catherine	Taylor
Navajo/Apache	Educator	Claude	Endfield
Navajo/Apache	Child Care Provider	Margie	Tapia
Navajo/Apache	Faith-Based	Mary	Hammond
Navajo/Apache	Parent	Melissa	Webb
Navajo/Apache	At Large	Sharon	Raban
North Phoenix	Business	Brenda	Sperduti
North Phoenix	Philanthropy	Connie	Robinson
North Phoenix	Health Services Provider	Elaine	Ellis
North Phoenix	Parent	Gina	Montes
North Phoenix	At Large	James	Emch
North Phoenix	Educator	Janet	Johnson
North Phoenix	At Large	Jenna	Goad
North Phoenix	At Large	Karen	Parker
North Phoenix	Child Care Provider	Mindy	Zapata
North Pima	Business	Alia	Sweis
North Pima	Child Care Provider	Annabel	Ratley
North Pima	Health Services Provider	Arlene	Nehls
North Pima	Educator	Carroll	Rinehart
North Pima	At Large	Dorothy	Johnson
North Pima	Philanthropy	Esther	Capin
North Pima	Faith-Based	Jill	Rosenzweig
North Pima	At Large	Lorraine	Morales
North Pima	At Large	Naomi	Karp
North Pima	Parent	Nicola	Finley
North Pima	School Administrator	Pam	Moseley
Northeast Maricopa	School Administrator	Bill	Myhr
Northeast Maricopa	Educator	DeAnn	Davies
Northeast Maricopa	Faith-Based	Diane	Fausel
Northeast Maricopa	Tribal Representative	Gary	Loutzenheiser
Northeast Maricopa	Parent	Gretchen	Jacobs
Northeast Maricopa	At Large	John	Foreman
Northeast Maricopa	Health Services Provider	Patricia	VanMaanen
Northeast Maricopa	At Large	Prabodh	Hemmady
Northeast Maricopa	Philanthropy	Stuart	Turgel
Northeast Maricopa	Business	Wendy	Lyons
Northwest Maricopa	Parent	Cory	Underhill
Northwest Maricopa	At Large	Darlene	Wezdonko
Northwest Maricopa	School Administrator	Deborah	Pischke
Northwest Maricopa	Educator	Jannelle	Radoccia
Northwest Maricopa	Business	Judith	Brengi
Northwest Maricopa	Health Services Provider	Karon	Ford
Northwest Maricopa	Faith-Based	Kimberly	Rimbey
Northwest Maricopa	At Large	Luz	Sanchez

Northwest Maricopa	Philanthropy	Mary	Thomson
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	At Large	David	Jaimez
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	At Large	Lupe	Flores
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Child Care Provider	Cheryl	Encinas
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Faith-Based	Amalia	Reyes
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Health Services Provider	Cecilia	Garcia
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Parent	Sergio	Valenzuela
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	School Administrator	Theresa	Carino
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Tribal Employee	Shanna	Loane
Pinal	Child Care Provider	Arnold	Hernandez
Pinal	Educator	Barbara	Mezzio
Pinal	Faith-Based	Christina	Jenkins
Pinal	Business	Kai	Gerkey
Pinal	At Large	Lamar	Johnson
Pinal	Health Services Provider	Mary	Allen
Pinal	At Large	Melanie	O'Neil
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	At Large	Alicia	Jackson
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	At Large	Christine	McIntier
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	At Large	Priscilla	Jay
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	Child Care Provider	Ron	Ransom
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	Educator	Rene	Murphy
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	Health Services Provider	Edna	Helmuth
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	Parent	Lori	Calderon
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	School Administrator	Martina	Ashley
San Carlos Apache Tribe	At Large	Robert	Olivar Sr.
San Carlos Apache Tribe	Child Care Provider	Janell	McIntosh
San Carlos Apache Tribe	Educator	Catherine	Steele
San Carlos Apache Tribe	Parent	Sylvia	Gomez
San Carlos Apache Tribe	At Large	David	Reede
San Carlos Apache Tribe	At Large	Fred	Ferreira
Santa Cruz	Educator	Andrea	Lopez
Santa Cruz	School Administrator	Anna	Rosas
Santa Cruz	Parent	Antoinette	Giedzinska-Simons
Santa Cruz	At Large	Danna	Gallardo
Santa Cruz	At Large	George	Silva
Santa Cruz	Faith-Based	Lee	Vellom
Santa Cruz	Educator	Lourdes	Mendez
Santa Cruz	Health Services Provider	Margarita	Elias

Santa Cruz	At Large	Maria	Neuman
South Phoenix	Philanthropy	Christopher	Canelake
South Phoenix	At Large	Eva Marie	Shivers
South Phoenix	Business	James	Washington
South Phoenix	At Large	Laura	Walker
South Phoenix	Child Care Provider	Moises	Gallegos
South Phoenix	Educator	Patricia	Merk
South Phoenix	At Large	Robert	Donofrio
South Phoenix	Parent	Socorro	Martinez
South Phoenix	Health Services Provider	William	Ellert
South Phoenix	Faith-Based	Rosalind	Polston
South Phoenix	School Administrator	Cindy	Segotta-Jones
South Pima	At Large	Anthony	Bruno
South Pima	At Large	Connie	Espinoza
South Pima	Faith-Based	Deborah	Palmer
South Pima	Health Services Provider	Fran	Driver
South Pima	At Large	Jane	Kroesen
South Pima	Parent	Rebecca	Manoleas
South Pima	Educator	Shanna	Kukla
South Pima	Child Care Provider	Wendy	Wallace
Southeast Maricopa	At Large	Beth	Coons
Southeast Maricopa	At Large	Jack	Dillenberg
Southeast Maricopa	Health Services Provider	Gary	Auxier
Southeast Maricopa	Business	Christine	Scarpati
Southeast Maricopa	Child Care Provider	Dale	Fisher
Southeast Maricopa	Parent	Dee	Tamminen
Southeast Maricopa	Educator	Eileen	Molzen
Southeast Maricopa	At Large	Kimberly	Robinson
Southeast Maricopa	Philanthropy	Mary	Baldwin
Southeast Maricopa	School Administrator	Michael	Cowan
Southwest Maricopa	Educator	Annette	Garcia
Southwest Maricopa	At Large	Colleen	Day
Southwest Maricopa	School Administrator	David	Schwake
Southwest Maricopa	At Large	Debra	Fonville-Williams
Southwest Maricopa	Faith-Based	John	Herman
Southwest Maricopa	Parent	Kelli	Cordova
Southwest Maricopa	Child Care Provider	Leslie	LeVan
Southwest Maricopa	Philanthropy	Mary Lou	Chavez
Southwest Maricopa	Health Services Provider	Patricia	Avery-Schuster
Tohono O'odham Nation	At Large	Louis	Johnson
Tohono O'odham Nation	At Large	Marisa	Werner
Tohono O'odham Nation	Child Care Provider	John	Fallon
Tohono O'odham Nation	Health Services Provider	Albert	Adler
Tohono O'odham Nation	At Large	Mildred	Manuel

White Mountain Apache Tribe	At Large	Aletha	Burnett
White Mountain Apache Tribe	At Large	Faye	Smith
White Mountain Apache Tribe	At Large	Veldon	Clendon
White Mountain Apache Tribe	Child Care Provider	Velma	Kaytoggy
White Mountain Apache Tribe	Educator	Laurel	Endfield
White Mountain Apache Tribe	Health Services Provider	Timothy	Strand
White Mountain Apache Tribe	Parent	Dennie	Parker
White Mountain Apache Tribe	School Administrator	Mary	Kline
Yavapai	At Large	Ann	Sult
Yavapai	Administrator	Karin	Ward
Yavapai	At Large	Becky	Ruffner
Yavapai	Child Care Provider	Kelly	McCready
Yavapai	Educator	Anne	Babinsky
Yavapai	Faith-Based	Duncan	MacLeod
Yavapai	Health Services Provider	Barbara	Jorgensen
Yavapai	Philanthropy	Tammy	Linn
Yuma	At Large	Evonne	Estes
Yuma	Educator	Judy	Watkinson
Yuma	Business	Juli	Jessen
Yuma	Philanthropy	Madeleine	Coil
Yuma	Health Services Provider	Robert	Cannell
Yuma	School Administrator	Roberta	Henry
Yuma	Parent	Sharon	DeFranco
Yuma	At Large	Susan	Pond
Yuma	Child Care Provider	Elizabeth	Carbajal
Yuma	Tribal Representative	Coranne	Swift Arrow

The Regional Partnership Councils will determine key priorities for advancing early care and education services in their regions. To determine their community's needs, the Councils' first priority will be to conduct a regional needs and assets assessment to be completed by September 1, 2008.

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